

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-40.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

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EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-40 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: While Yoichiro teaches AC and DC analysis of logic circuits and Bransen teaches static power analysis of Megacells, **none of these reference taken either alone or in combination with the prior art of record disclose**, current consumed by the mega cells and the average operation frequency for each state is needed to estimate the current consumed by the mega cell, specifically including;

(claim 1) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each megacell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state...",

(claim 9) "...estimating a second value of electric power consumed by said megacell based on logic simulation results, and estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells",

(claim 17) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state, and determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells...",

(claim 25) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state, and determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells...",

(claim 29) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state, and determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells ...",

(claim 33) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state, and determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells ...",

(claim 37) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state, and determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells ...",

(claim 38) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state, and determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells ...",

(claim 39) "...estimating a current consumed by the mega cells by obtaining logic states for each mega cell, determining an average operation frequency for each logic state, and

determining an alternating current component and a direct current component for each logic state to calculate said current consumed by the mega cells ...”,

in combination with the remaining elements and features of the claimed invention, it is for these reasons that the Applicants’ invention defines over the prior art of record. Further and in regards to Applicants’ arguments presented in the 9/21/2007 responses, more specifically the arguments on page 16 wherein Applicants’ argued that there is a requirement for the prior art to teach, *“a current consumed by the mega cells”* and further and in regards to the argument for the prior art to teach, *“the average operation frequency for each state”* the combination of these arguments and the expressly disclosed limitations in the claim language have been in combination persuasive and the Examiner withdraws the earlier 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of claims 1-40.

2.1 Regarding dependent claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-24, 26-28, 30-32, 34-35 and 40, they are allowed for at least the reason that they depend upon an allowed base claim.

2.2 Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

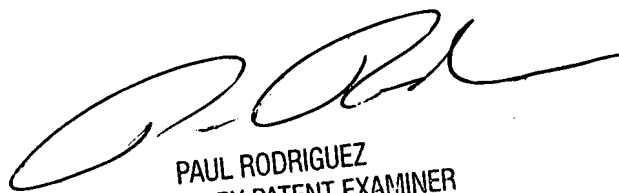
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dwain M. Craig whose telephone number is (571) 272-3710. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 - 6:00 M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul L. Rodriguez can be reached on (571) 272-3753. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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